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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

International application No.
PCT/JP2004/007443

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC
H02K11/04, H02K5/16

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - a sequence listing
 - table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - in written format
 - in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - contained in the international application as filed.
 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II Priority

1. The following document has not been furnished:

- copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).
 translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-7
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-7
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-7
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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AUTHORITY (SEPARATE SHEET)**

International application No.

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Re Item V.

- 1 The following document is referred to in this communication:
D1 : WO 00/01054 A (LYTLE PETER B ; GEN ELECTRIC (US); WRIGHT KAMRON M (US); YOUNG ANDREW) 6 January 2000 (2000-01-06)
D1: US-A-4 634 908 (STURM GERHARD) 6 January 1987 (1987-01-06)
D2: US-A-4 156 821 (KUROME SHOSHIKA ET AL) 29 May 1979 (1979-05-29)
D3: DE 101 13 559 A (BTM S R L) 27 September 2001 (2001-09-27)
D4: US-A-4 952 828 (YI-XIN XU ET AL) 28 August 1990 (1990-08-28)
- 2 **INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1**
 - 2.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.
 - 2.2 Document **D1** discloses (see Search Report citations) a brushless (electronically commutated) motor with incorporated control and power circuit boards, whose endshield serves as heatsink for the power transistors. Such endshield, fixed to the stator iron core, is the "heat radiating member" for the switching elements. All the features of claim 1 are therefore known in the prior art.
- 3 **DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-7**
 - 3.1 Dependent claims 2-7 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).
 - 3.2 The subject-matter of claims 2-7 are either explicitly disclosed in **D1**, ie:
 - bearing supported by "heat-radiating member";
 - switching elements contacted to "heat radiating member";or its features widely known in the prior art, and whose incorporation in the claimed invention would be evident and/or self-explanatory (see Search Report citations of support documents referred hereafter):
 - screwed iron core to heat radiating member (see **D2**);
 - radially bumped iron core with axial hole for screw (see **D3**);
 - biasing member pushing switching elements against heat sink (see **D4**);
 - shaft driven fan (see **D5**).